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Applicant:	Ruchika Singhal; Robert M. Skime; Carl D. Wahlstrand	Confirmation No.	6697
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Title:	IMPLANTATION OF LOW-PROFILE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE		

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, the period of response for which has been extended one month to run through November 28, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the **Remarks** that begin on page 2 of this paper.